

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive the Honorable Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1415–S1513*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 516–537, and S. Res. 96–97. **Pages S1501–02**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, with amendments. **Page S1501**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Asbestos Awareness Week:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 63, designating the first week of April 2011 as “National Asbestos Awareness Week,” and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1512**

**Affirming the Importance of Exercise and Physical Activity:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 97, affirming the importance of exercise and physical activity as key components of a healthy lifestyle, including in combating obesity, reducing chronic disease, and lowering health care costs. **Pages S1512–13**

#### Measures Failed:

**Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act:** By 44 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 36), Senate failed to pass H.R. 1, making appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011. Pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, March 8, 2011, requiring 60 affirmative votes for passage of the bill, and the bill was returned to the calendar, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S1422–91**

#### Rejected:

By 42 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 37), Reid (for Inouye) Amendment No. 149, in the nature of a substitute. (Pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, March 8, 2011, providing

that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment was not agreed to.) **Page S1491**

**Maiden Speeches—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the following Senators be recognized, as if in morning business, at the times listed below, for the purpose of giving their maiden speeches to the Senate: Senator Moran, at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 10, 2011 for up to 15 minutes; and Senator Coats, at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 for up to 30 minutes. **Page S1513**

**Cogburn Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at 2:15 p.m., on Thursday, March 10, 2011, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Max Oliver Cogburn, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina; that there be 15 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S1513**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Steve Six, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

William Francis Kuntz, II, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Ronald W. Sharpe, of the Virgin Islands, to be United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands for the term of four years.

Robert William Matheison, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years.

Juan Mattos Jr., of New Jersey, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Jersey for the term of four years.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.  
 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.  
 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.  
 3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.  
 Routine lists in the Army and Navy. **Page S1513**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S1501**

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**Executive Communications:** **Page S1501**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S1502–03**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1498–S1501**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Page S1511**

**Notices of Hearings/Meetings:** **Pages S1511–12**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S1512**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—37) **Page S1491**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1513.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION FUNDING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine funding for the Social Security Administration in fiscal years 2011 and 2012, after receiving testimony from Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner, Social Security Administration; W. Lee Hammond, AARP, and Marty Ford, Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, both of Washington, D.C.; and Joe Dirago, National Council of Social Security Management Associations, Inc., Newburgh, New York.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Ken Salazar, Secretary, David Hayes, Deputy Secretary, and Pam K. Haze, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Budget, Finance, Performance and Acquisition, all of the Department of the Interior.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 112th Congress:

*Subcommittee on AirLand:* Senators Lieberman (Chair), Nelson (NE), McCaskill, Manchin, Gillibrand, Blumenthal, Brown (MA), Inhofe, Sessions, Wicker, and Vitter.

*Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities:* Senators Hagan (Chair), Reed, Udall (CO), Manchin, Shaheen, Gillibrand, Portman, Chambliss, Brown (MA), Graham, and Cornyn.

*Subcommittee on Personnel:* Senators Webb (Chair), Lieberman, Akaka, McCaskill, Hagan, Begich, Blumenthal, Graham, Chambliss, Brown (MA), Ayotte, Collins, and Vitter.

*Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support:* Senators McCaskill (Chair), Akaka, Nelson (NE), Webb, Udall (CO), Begich, Manchin, Shaheen, Ayotte, Inhofe, Chambliss, Portman, Collins, Graham, and Cornyn.

*Subcommittee on Seapower:* Senators Reed (Chair), Akaka, Webb, Hagan, Blumenthal, Wicker, Sessions, Ayotte, and Collins.

*Subcommittee on Strategic Forces:* Senators Nelson (NE) (Chair), Lieberman, Reed, Udall (CO), Begich, Shaheen, Gillibrand, Sessions, Inhofe, Wicker, Portman, Cornyn, and Vitter.

*Senators Levin and McCain serve as ex-officio members of all subcommittees.*

### THE STATE OF THE HOUSING MARKET

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the housing market, after receiving testimony from Susan M. Wachter, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Philadelphia; Mark A. Calabria, Cato Institute, and David Crowe, National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), both of Washington, DC; Ron Phipps, National Association of Realtors, Warwick, Rhode Island; and Jeffrey Lubell, Center for Housing Policy, Weybridge, Vermont.

### SPENDING IN THE TAX CODE

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine distribution and efficiency of spending in the tax code, after receiving testimony from Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Robert S. McIntyre, Citizens for Tax Justice, and Scott Hodge, Tax Foundation, all of Washington, DC.

## FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Federal Highway Administration, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation.

## PRESIDENT'S 2011 TRADE AGENDA

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's 2011 trade agenda, after receiving testimony from Ron Kirk, United States Trade Representative.

## WASTE AND FRAUD IN MEDICARE AND MEDICAID

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine new tools for curbing waste and fraud in Medicare and Medicaid, after receiving testimony

from Peter Budetti, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Daniel R. Levinson, Inspector General, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Greg Andres, Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; Kathleen M. King, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Helen Carson, Delaware Health and Social Services, Wilmington.

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY OVERSIGHT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, with amendments.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 28 public bills, H.R. 964–991; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 28–29; and H. Res. 155–159 were introduced.

**Pages H1664–65**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 326 ayes to 91 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 167.

**Pages H1623, H1641–42**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:04 a.m. for the purpose of receiving The Honorable Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia. The House reconvened at 12:03 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record.

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**Joint Meeting To Receive The Honorable Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia:** The House and Senate met in a joint session to receive The

Honorable Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia. She was escorted into the Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Cantor, McCarthy (CA), Hensarling, Dreier, Ros-Lehtinen, McKeon, Camp, Brady (TX), Manzullo, Pelosi, Hoyer, Clyburn, Larson (CT), Becerra, Berman, Faleomavaega, Lowey and Crowley; and Senators Reid, Durbin, Kerry, Boxer, McConnell, Alexander, Barrasso, and Lugar.

**Pages H1624–26**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 155, electing a Member to a Standing Committee of the House of Representatives.

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**Emergency Mortgage Relief Program Termination Act—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 151, the rule that provides for consideration of H.R. 836, to rescind the unobligated funding for the Emergency Mortgage Relief Program and to terminate the program, by voice vote after the previous question was ordered without objection.

**Pages H1629–35**

**FHA Refinance Program Termination Act—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 150, the rule that provides for consideration of H.R. 830, to rescind the unobligated funding for the FHA Refinance Program and to terminate the program, by

a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 166, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 165.

**Pages H1635–41**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces and their families.

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**Joint Economic Committee—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Joint Economic Committee: Representatives Hinchey, Maloney, Loretta Sanchez, and Cummings.

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**Speaker Pro Tempore Designation:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representatives Lewis (CA), Thornberry, Upton, Harris, and Wolf to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through the remainder of the One Hundred Twelfth Congress.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1623.

**Senate Referral:** S. 23 was held at the desk.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1666–68.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1640, H1641, H1641–42. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### REDUCING REGULATORY BURDENS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee, held a mark-up on H.R. 872, The Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2011, and adopted an amendment in the nature of a substitute. The committee ordered the bill reported, as amended, favorably.

### INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Park Service FY 2012 Budget Oversight. Testimony was heard from the following National Park Service officials: Jonathan Jarvis, Director; C. Bruce Sheaffer, Comptroller; and Margaret O'Dell, Deputy Director of Operations, National Park Service.

### DEFENSE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on FY 2012 Navy/Marine Corps Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from Raymond Mabus, Secretary of the Navy; ADM Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations; and Gen. James Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Army Corps of Engineers FY 2012 Budget Requests. Testimony was heard from Jo Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; and Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers.

### HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on FY 2012 Oversight and Budget Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Alan Bersin, Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection.

### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Oversight of Veterans Programs. Testimony was heard from Richard Griffin, Deputy Inspector General, Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General.

### STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs held a hearing on FY 2012 Budget Request for the Department of the Treasury International Programs. Testimony was heard from Timothy Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

### ARMY MODERNIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Army modernization. Testimony was heard from GEN Peter W. Chiarelli, Vice Chief of Staff, USA; LTG Robert P. Lennox, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army; LTG General William N. Phillips, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology); J. Michael Gilmore, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Michael J. Sullivan, Director of Acquisition and Sourcing, GAO; and William Graveline, Assistant Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management Team, GAO.

**NAVY SHIPBUILDING**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing on Navy shipbuilding acquisition programs and budget requirements of the Navy's shipbuilding and construction plan. Testimony was heard from Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in National Defense, Congressional Research Service; Eric J. Labs, Senior Analyst for Naval Forces and Weapons, CBO; Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; VADM John T. Blake, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources; Lt. Gen. George J. Flynn, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

**BUDGET—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing on the Budget and Policy Proposals of the U.S. Department of Education. Testimony was heard from Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing on H.J. Res. 37, Disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The subcommittee held a mark-up of the bill immediately after the hearing and forwarded the bill to the full Committee without amendment.

**HEALTH CARE FUNDING**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health hearing entitled "Setting Fiscal Priorities in Health Care Funding." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee, continued mark-up of the following: H.R. 839, the HAMP Termination Act of 2011 and H.R. 861, the NSP Termination Act. Both bills were ordered reported as amended.

**CHINA'S TRADE AND INVESTMENT**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing on China's Indigenous Innovation Trade and Investment Policies: How Great a Threat? Testimony was heard from Karen Laney, Acting Director, International Trade Commission and public witnesses.

**FY 2012 BUDGET—FEMA**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled "Ensuring Effective Preparedness and Response—An Assessment of the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request for the Federal Emergency Management Agency." Testimony was heard from W. Criag Fugate, Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security.

**SECURING AIR COMMERCE**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled "Securing Air Commerce From the Threat of Terrorism." Testimony was heard from John Sammon, Assistant Administrator, Transportation Sector Network Management, TSA; and Stephen Lord, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee, held a mark-up on H.J. Res. 147, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Twelfth Congress, was reported favorably. The Committee also approved the following Committee resolutions: Approve Franked Mail Allowances for Committees for the 112th Congress; Approve Committee Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2012; and Approve a Committee Consulting Contract.

**AMERICAN INNOVATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing on Driving American Innovation: Creating Jobs and Boosting our Economy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**PATRIOT ACT REAUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on the Reauthorization of the PATRIOT Act. Testimony was heard from Todd Hinnen, Acting Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice; Robert S. Litt, General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and public witnesses.

**FY 2012 BUDGET—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing to "Examine the Spending Priorities and the Missions of the U.S. Geological Survey and the President's FY 2012 Budget Proposal." Testimony was heard from Marcia McNutt, Director, Geological Survey; and public witnesses.

**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management held a hearing entitled “A Look at the FY10 Consolidated Financial Report of the U.S. Government.” Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, GAO; Richard L. Gregg, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and Daniel I. Werfel, Controller and Director, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB.

**IMPACT OF REGULATION ON MANUFACTURERS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Cumulative Impact of Regulation on U.S. Manufacturers.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**FEDERAL WORKER PAY**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy held a hearing entitled “Are Federal Workers Underpaid?” Testimony was heard from John Berry, Director, OPM; and public witnesses.

***Joint Meetings***

No joint committee meetings were held.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
MARCH 10, 2011**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Transportation, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Justice, 11 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for the Department of Agriculture, 2 p.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services,* to hold hearings to examine the current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States; with the possibility of a

closed session in SH-219 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for the Securities and Exchange Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget,* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2012 for defense and international affairs, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Philip E. Coyle, III, of California, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Frances M.D. Gulland, of California, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, and Ann D. Begeman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* to hold hearings to examine S. 398, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to improve energy efficiency of certain appliances and equipment, and S. 395, to repeal certain amendments to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act with respect to lighting energy efficiency, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance,* to hold hearings to examine innovations in child welfare waivers, focusing on a pathway to reform, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions,* to hold hearings to examine Bridgepoint Education, Inc., focusing on a case study in for-profit education and oversight, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs,* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine information sharing in the era of WikiLeaks, focusing on balancing security and collaboration, 3 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* business meeting to consider S. 193, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act, S. 222, to limit investor and homeowner losses in foreclosures, and the nominations of Caitlin Joan Halligan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Jimmie V. Reyna, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, John A. Kronstadt, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Vincent L. Briccetti, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Arenda L. Wright Allen, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Michael Francis Urbanski, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence,* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Full Committee, hearing to review the impact of EPA regulation on agriculture, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies on Bureau of Land Management FY 2012 Budget Oversight, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies on Department of Agriculture FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies on National Science Foundation (NSF) FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government on Executive Office of the President, 10 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies on Bureau of Reclamation FY 2012 Budget Requests, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies on Department of Education: FY12 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2358-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies on FY 2012 Budget Request Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Agencies on State Department FY 2012 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies on Office of Surface Mining FY 2012 Budget Oversight, 11 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies on Navy and Marine Corps FY 2011 Budget Request, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies on Major Management Challenges at the Forest Service, 2 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security FY 2012 Oversight and Budget, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Readiness hearing on global challenges to readiness and the fiscal year 2012 budget request, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, Full Committee hearing entitled "Lifting the Crushing Burden of Debt," 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions hearing on The Pressures of Rising Costs on Employer Provided Health Care, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, mark-up on H.R. 910, the Energy Tax Prevention Act of 2011, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Operations, Activities, Challenges and FY 2012 Budget Request," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy, hearing entitled "The Role of the Export-Import Bank in U.S. Competitiveness and Job Creation," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing on North Korea's Sea of Fire: Bullying, Brinkmanship and Blackmail, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, Overview of U.S. Relations with Europe and Eurasia, 2:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Assessing U.S. Foreign Policy Priorities and Needs Amidst Economic Challenges in the Middle East, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Extent of Radicalization in the American Muslim Community and that Community's Response," 9:30 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet hearing on Review of Recent Judicial Decisions on Patent Law, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement hearing on New Jobs in Recession and Recovery: Who Are Getting Them and Who Are Not, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Prior to the hearing the subcommittee will meet to Adopt Rules of Procedure and Statement of Policy for Private Immigration Bills and Statement of Policy on Federal Charters; and to Request Department of Homeland Security Departmental Reports on the Beneficiaries of: H.R. 316, Private Bill for the relief of Esther Njeri Karinge, H.R. 357, Private Bill for the relief of Corina De Chalup Turcinovic, H.R. 794, Private Bill for the Relief of Allan Bolor Kelley, H.R. 823, Private Bill for the Relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas, and H.R. 824, Private Bill for the Relief of Daniel Wachira.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands hearing entitled "Examining the Spending, Priorities and the Missions of National Park Service and the President's FY 2012 Budget Proposal." 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee Business Meeting, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs and the Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management joint hearing entitled "Financial Management, Work Force, and Operations at the SEC: Who's Watching Wall Street's Watchdog?" 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee hearing on An Overview of the Fiscal Year 2012 Research and Development Budget Proposals at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Environmental Protection, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management hearing on Cutting Spending and Consolidating Federal Office Space: GSA's Capital Investment and Leasing Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 754, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011, and views and estimates on the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2012, 10 a.m., HVC-304.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Thursday, March 10

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2:15 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Max Oliver Cogburn, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, and after a period of debate, vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 2:30 p.m.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, March 10

## Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 830—FHA Refinance Program Termination Act (Subject to a Rule).

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

## HOUSE

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